

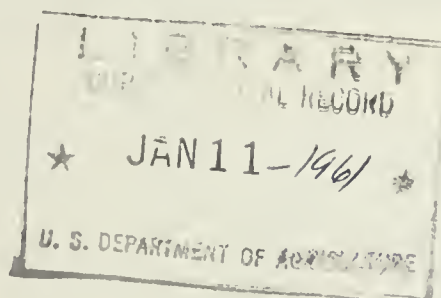
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U.S. DRY PEA EXPORTS

SET NEW RECORD

U.S. dry pea exports set a new record of 2,175,000 bags in the marketing year ended last July 31. It was 50 percent above last year and almost double any previous record for commercial exports.

Combining to make this alltime record was the large 1959 U.S. crop, unusually low prices (for green peas especially), short supplies of yellow peas in parts of Northern Europe, declining dry pea production in Europe and growing British demand for U.S. Alaska peas for canning.

Exports to Europe reached the alltime commercial record of 1,425,000 bags, of which 964,000 bags went to the U.K., 90 percent of the latter being dry green peas: West Germany, the second largest European importer, took 184,000 bags, three-fourths of which were yellow peas. Yellow pea exports exceeded green this year in all European markets except the United Kingdom and Belgium.

Exports to Latin America, totaling 575,000 bags, fell slightly below a higher record in 1957-58 and was divided almost equally between yellow and green types. As usual, Venezuela, the largest Latin market, took more yellows than greens. Cuba, the second largest, took more greens than yellows. Latin America has been much more consistent than has Europe, both as to quantity and variety taken year after year.

Canada, the United Kingdom, Sweden, and Uruguay in that order were the principal purchasers of U.S. seed peas this year. Switzerland usually buys 2,000 to 6,000 bags a year.

U.S. Exports of dry peas - August 1959 to July 1960

Country of destination	Dry ripe green	Dry ripe other	Seed All types	Total
	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
North America:				
Canada	8	41	50	99
Latin America:				
Jamaica	--	3	--	3
Panama, Republic	--	13	--	13
Cuba	104	8	--	112
Trinidad	5	70	--	75
Venezuela	61	165	1	227
Brazil	84	9	4	97
Mexico	2	2	2	6
Dominican Republic ..	1	--	--	1
Peru	9	2	--	11
Barbados	1	6	--	7
Chile	2	--	--	2
Netherlands Antilles ..	--	2	--	2
Surinam	--	13	--	13
Uruguay	--	--	8	8
Argentina	--	--	1	1
Total	269	290	16	575
Europe:				
Iceland	2	3	--	5
United Kingdom	861	73	30	964
Netherlands	33	62	1	96
Belgium-Luxembourg ..	60	3	3	66
Germany, West	41	138	5	184
Switzerland	9	12	1	22
Italy	6	--	--	6
Norway	4	21	--	25
Sweden	6	29	14	49
Denmark	--	4	2	6
France	--	--	2	2
Total	1,022	345	58	1,425
Other countries:	41	27	7	75
Grand total	1,340	703	131	2,174

1/ 100 pound bags 2/ Includes 21,000 bags green peas to Hong Kong, 12,000 bags yellow peas to British Guiana, and 6,000 bags green and 2,000 bags yellow to the Philippines.